

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-5 (Canceled)

6. (Currently amended) A vehicle seat having:

a plurality of seat components;

a data storage device mounted in a stationary manner on one of the seat components and storing relevant data, wherein the relevant data is data that represents at least one of service life of the seat, certification of the seat, service life of one of the seat components, and certification of one of the seat components; and

an interface by which said relevant data is readable by an external reading device~~The seat as claimed in claim 17,~~ wherein data transmission between the data storage device and the reading device is effected by a wireless device, ~~wherein data may be so~~ that data is read out of the data storage device wirelessly and ~~may be data is~~ written into the data storage device wirelessly.

7. (Currently amended) A vehicle seat having:

a plurality of seat components;

a data storage device mounted in a stationary manner on one of the seat components and storing relevant data, wherein the relevant data is data that represents at least one of service life of the seat, certification of the seat, service life of one of the seat components, and certification of one of the seat components; and

an interface by which said relevant data is readable by an external reading device~~The seat as claimed in claim 17,~~ wherein transmission of data between the data storage device and the reading device is effected by use of a plug connection.

8. (Currently amended) A vehicle seat having:

a plurality of seat components;

a data storage device mounted in a stationary manner on one of the seat components and storing relevant data, wherein the relevant data is data that represents at least one of service life of the seat, certification of the seat, service life of one of the seat components, and certification of one of the seat components~~The seat as claimed in claim 17,~~ wherein the data storage device comprises a transponder, and data are writable to and readable from the data storage device upon appropriate stimulation of the reading ~~device~~device; and

an interface by which said relevant data is readable by an external reading device.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Canceled).

11. (Currently amended) A vehicle seat having:

a plurality of seat components;

a data storage device mounted in a stationary manner on one of the seat components and storing relevant data, wherein the relevant data is data that represents at least one of service life of the seat, certification of the seat, service life of one of the seat components, and certification of one of the seat components;

an interface by which said relevant data is readable by an external reading device; and

a positioning unit for positioning the reading device into a specifiable position in relation to the data storage device~~The seat as claimed in claim 10~~, wherein the positioning unit has a magnet by which the reading device is placed into said specifiable position.

12. (Previously presented) A seat having:

a plurality of seat components;

a data storage device mounted on one of the seat components and storing relevant data, wherein the relevant data is data that represents at least one of service life of the seat, certification of the seat, service life of one of the seat components, and certification of one of the seat components; and

an interface by which said relevant data is readable by an external reading device, wherein

the seat is included in a seat system, which includes a reading device for data transmission to the data storage device, and

the reading device has data transmission means for reading the relevant data,

the reading device has storage means for intermediate storage of data read from the data storage device.

13. (Previously presented) The seat as claimed in claim 12, wherein the reading device has a display unit for display of the relevant data.

14. (Previously presented) The seat as claimed in claim 12, wherein the reading device has positioning means for positioning the reading device in relation to the data storage device for purposes of data transmission.

15. (Previously presented) The seat as claimed in claim 12, further comprising a standardized interface for transmitting the relevant data to a computer effecting further processing.

16. (Previously presented) The seat as claimed in claim 12, wherein the storage means is provided for intermediate storage of data to be written into the data storage device.

17-24 (Canceled)